



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Balbierz and Johnson

SERIAL NO.: 09/823,910

FILED: March 30, 2001

FOR: **TISSUE BIOPSY AND TREATMENT  
APPARATUS AND METHOD**

EXAMINER: Vrettakos, P.

ART UNIT: 3739

CONFIRMATION NO. 7532

**Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 4, 2003, which fell on a Sunday, thus extending the period for response to the following Monday, April 5, 2004.

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)): ☒ Small Entity: \$55.00  
☒ Enclosed is a check including the fee due.
- ☒ Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
- ☒ Please charge any underpayment for timely consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 5, 2004

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